

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A multimedia mailbox system, comprising:
 - a) a message store for storing multimedia messages;
 - b) conversion means for converting non-text messages to text; and
 - c) summarization means for automatically summarizing text, wherein said summarization means reduces text messages to a list of keywords from a plurality of lists of keywords, each keyword of each list being selectable by a user, said list of keywords applied to said text being based upon a sender of a message.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) A multimedia mailbox system according to claim 1 ~~wherein said summarization means is driven by a plurality of lists of keywords, each list of keywords applied to said text being further based upon being linked to one of a message subject and a message sender.~~
4. (Original) A multimedia mailbox system according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - a) filter means for determining high priority messages; and
 - b) automatic means for automatically sending a summary of high priority messages to a designated user.
5. (Currently Amended) A multimedia mailbox system, comprising:
 - a) a message store for storing multimedia messages;
 - b) conversion means for converting non-text messages to text; and
 - c) filter means for determining high priority messages; and
 - d) summarization means for automatically summarizing text, wherein said summarization means reduces text messages to a list of keywords from a plurality of lists of keywords, each keyword of each list being selectable by a user, said list of keywords applied to said text being based upon a sender of a message and a message subject.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A multimedia mailbox system according to claim 5 [[8]] further comprising automatic means for automatically sending a summary of high priority messages to a designated user.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for managing a multimedia mailbox system, comprising the steps of:

- a) storing a plurality of multimedia messages in a mailbox;
- b) converting non-text messages to text; and
- c) automatically summarizing text, wherein summarizing text reduces text messages to a list of keywords from a plurality of lists of keywords, each keyword of each list being selectable by a user, said list of keywords applied to said text being based upon a sender of a message.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 10 wherein said ~~step of automatically summarizing text is keyword driven utilizing a plurality of lists of keywords, each list of keywords~~ applied to said text being further based upon linked to one of a message subject and a message sender.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 10 further comprising the steps of:

- a) determining which messages have high priority; and
- b) automatically sending a summary of high priority messages to a designated user.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 13 wherein said step of determining further comprises the step of filtering to determine message priority.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for managing a multimedia mailbox system, comprising the steps of:

- a) storing a plurality of multimedia messages in a mailbox;
- b) converting non-text messages to text; and
- c) determining which messages have high priority, and
- d) automatically summarizing text, wherein summarizing text reduces text text messages to a list of keywords from a plurality of lists of keywords, each keyword of each list being selectable by a user, said list of keywords applied to said text being based upon a sender of a message and a message subject.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 15 wherein said step of determining further comprises the step of filtering to determine message priority.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 1. In Figure 1, omitted elements 23 and 27 have been added, no new matter has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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